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In re the Application of: **Koichi HIRANO**

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.